



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

PRINCETON SITE OFFICE

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

PROCEDURE 1-17

RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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Attachment 1

STOP WORK AUTHORITY: When an unsafe or unhealthy condition, or an adverse impact to the environment is observed, all PSO staff have full authority to stop work. See PSO Procedure 3-11 for implementation.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure provides direction to integrate the Statement of Principles Outlining the Relationship Between the U. S. Department of Energy and Local Governments into PSO day-to-day activities.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all PSO staff and activities.

INSTRUCTION

Attachment 1 is the Statement of Principles Outlining the Relationship Between the U. S. Department of Energy and Local Governments. All PSO staff shall be aware of these principles and shall integrate them into the PSO day-to-day activities.

**STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
OUTLINING THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

PREAMBLE:

The primary purposes of local government are to protect public health and safety, enhance citizens' quality of life, provide community services and promote economic prosperity.

The Mission of the Department of Energy is to foster a secure and reliable energy system that is environmentally and economically sustainable, to be good and careful stewards of the Nation's nuclear weapons and the cleanup of our own facilities, and to ensure that the United States retains its leadership in science and technology.

The Department recognizes that local governments are important advisors to its decision-making processes and offer important insights regarding environmental, socioeconomic, and other community impacts of Departmental actions.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PRINCIPLES:

The Department views local governments as official public entities with important community roles and responsibilities.

2. The Department recognizes that local elected officials are democratically elected to represent the views of their community. The Department commits to work in partnership with locally elected officials.
3. The Department commits to develop and implement a timely, open and meaningful dialogue with local governments. Local governments will have direct access to Department field, site and headquarters' officials.
4. The Department commits to work closely with local government officials as governmental partners on all DOE processes and activities which impact local communities.
5. The Department will utilize local governments as a central means for communicating and interacting with affected communities when developing new policies or local organizations impacting a communities health, environment, or economy.
6. The Department commits to work with local governments to ensure the safety, health, and well being of local communities.
7. The Department and local governments share equally the responsibility to consult early and regularly with one another regarding actions that may affect the other.
8. The Department and local governments will seek to identify and remove impediments that hinder a direct and mutually beneficial working relationship.
9. The Department's field and site managers will be responsible for implementing these policies at the local level.

This document was signed by the Honorable Federico Pena, Secretary of Energy and the Energy Communities Alliance Board of Directors on March 5, 1998.
